

University officials announce proposed budget reductions

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UNO officials announced proposed budget reductions for the 2002-03 fiscal year Tuesday afternoon.

University officials were required to reduce the budget by \$2.3 million. The four-campus university system cut \$15.2 million collectively, resulting in the elimination of more than 260 jobs system-wide.

On UNO's campus, there will be reduced services along with the elimination of many full- and part-time faculty and staff members. This includes four full-time tenured faculty positions, 20.5 full-time equivalent of part-time faculty, 25 full-time staff and seven graduate assistants. Tenured positions will be eliminated as they become vacant.

Chancellor Nancy Belck released a statement Tuesday and said, "The loss of these people and services is very painful."

Aside from personnel and program eliminations or cutbacks, there will also be academic program eliminations. The master's degree programs in political science and sociology will be eliminated. Those currently in the majors (about 20 people) can still complete their degrees.

Departments that will experience reduced course offerings include philosophy, religion, Native American studies, Chicano/Latino studies, women's studies and foreign languages.

English 1050, a fundamental course, will also be eliminated, affecting "at risk" students,

according to a press release.

Dean's office funding for the College of Business Administration will be reduced. Many areas will also reduce community outreach efforts, including the College of Information Science and Technology, Kountze Memorial Planetarium and the Office of the Chancellor.

University Television and Information Technology Services will reduce services, computer operations hours and KYNE-TV program production and origination capabilities. Athletics' operating expenses have also been reduced.

The director of Recruitment Services, the coordinator in the Office of Institutional Research and the Special Events Coordinator in University Affairs have all been eliminated.

The budgets of the Committee on the Advancement of Teaching, Teaching Circles, Committee on Research, Research Triangles and Supplemental Instruction will also be reduced. Faculty training and development in technology will also be eliminated, "resulting in a less skilled workforce," the press release said.

The Learning Center has been permanently closed and the Testing Center will reduce its services offered. The development of online degrees will also be slowed.

Other cutbacks in the areas of purchasing, facilities, payroll, finance, custodial services, travel expenses and building repair and maintenance will be made.

NU President L. Dennis Smith will announce final reduction decisions by mid-November.

All of these changes come at a time when enrollment is at its highest point in years and students are enrolled for a record number of credit hours.

Smith released a statement Tuesday and said, "Despite the cuts we are making, our primary goal is unchanged - that is to be among the best public universities in the United States and to provide our students with a quality education at an affordable price."

Smith said he is confident the university can reach that goal.

"As I look toward the future," he said, "I see a university that may be somewhat different in scope ... but I continue to see a university with outstanding faculty and staff, students who have unprecedented academic opportunities, pioneering research projects and programs that serve the needs of both rural and urban Nebraskans."

Belck shared Smith's optimism and said, "UNO will emerge from these times a strong but changed university."

Noticeable cuts at UNO

Part-time Instruction: \$330,538

By reducing part-time faculty, the university hopes to save \$330,538. The outcome will increase class size and teaching loads of full-time faculty.

Learning Center: \$173,000

The entire Learning Center unit was eliminated. The center provided one-on-one learning support services for students.

Political Science and Sociology: \$100,000

The master's degree programs were eliminated from these departments. It will affect about 20 majors who still can complete their degrees.

Kountze Planetarium: \$54,000

Staff and operating expenses were eliminated, making the planetarium unavailable for K-12 and community demonstrations.

English: \$40,000

The university will no longer offer fundamental instruction of English 1050. This will affect "at risk" students the most.

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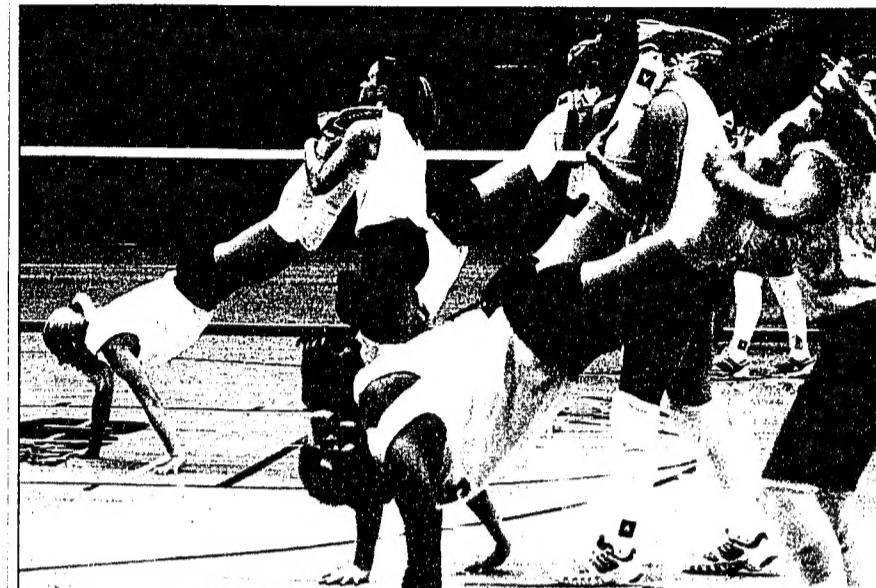


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The Maverick volleyball team keeps practice interesting with a variety of drills. Here the players act as human wheelbarrows as a form of exercise.

Volleyball falls to Central Missouri, hosts tourney this weekend

LEIA BAEZ

STAFF WRITER

Central Missouri State University, ranked No. 12 by the AVCA, pounded 45 kills and had 31 digs in defeating UNO 30-23, 30-18, 30-26 Tuesday night in Warrensburg, Mo., before a crowd of 235 fans.

UNO, now 7-2 on the season, was out-hit by CMSU .323 to .165, as the Mavs committed 22 attack errors.

"There were a lot of things that should not have happened," Head Coach Rose Shires said.

Sophomore middle blocker Alyssa Matthes led the Mavs with 12 kills and hit .600 for the match. Junior outside hitter Amy Fauss added 10 kills.

Senior middle hitter Jewelia Grennan and sophomore libero Heather VanAckeren led the team with five digs apiece.

Sophomore middle hitter Elyse Mohme led CMSU with 13 kills and four service aces.

Fauss, who has seen playing time in only 18 games this season due to a knee injury, appears to be the dominant hitter when she is on the court. Already Fauss has managed to slam 61 kills, leading the Mavs with an average of 3.39 kills per game.

"She is one heck of a weapon, and when she is healthy it is very difficult to stop her," Shires said.

Tuesday night's match may have been a loss, but the UNO volleyball team will take it as a gain.

"They are a very good team, but they are nothing we should have not been able to handle," Shires said. "We just performed poorly and this is something we need to bounce back from today and get into this weekend with."

The Mavs will need to turn around Tuesday night's performance as they are hosting the 20-team North Central Region

Crossover tournament this weekend in the Sapp Field house.

"Every team that comes into the gym this weekend are all teams that are vying for NCAA berths," Shires said. "These are all top-quality teams."

All nine teams from the North Central Conference and all 10 teams of the Northern Sun Conference, as well as Michigan Tech will be competing in the tournament on Friday and Saturday.

The Mavs are focusing on their strengths in order to compete at the North Central region level this weekend.

"We are a very aggressive serving team and we are also a very good passing team," Shires said. "We are going to stay focused on what we do well and what we need to improve on going into this weekend."

UNO will meet with No. 11 University of Minnesota-Duluth Friday at noon. This season, UMD is 6-1 overall and 3-1 against AVCA Top 25 teams. Senior middle hitter Becky Kukowski, who averages 4.46 kills and 1.04 blocks per game, will lead the Bulldogs.

The University of Minnesota-Crookston, Southwest State University and Northern State University will also face the Mavs at home. All three teams may have losing records, but they are all part of the toughest region in the nation.

"There is no one team that we will play that is not a top-quality team," Shires said. "Here it is so competitive."

With only two losses behind them, the Mavs intend on proving they are capable of competing with any team.

Shires summed up her thoughts on the tournament, saying "Serving and passing will be the main sake for our team this weekend. Our goal is to be one of the top teams in the this tournament and show our region that UNO is here to compete at the NCAA level."

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Recruitment Services director eliminated, will continue projects until December

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In the midst of the \$2.3 million budget reduction, another UNO office will suffer — the Recruitment Services director position was eliminated.

In spite of losing his position, Lincoln Morris was optimistic about UNO's recruitment services.

Morris was not immediately let go. He will continue his service projects until approximately December.

"I am just one less person they will have on the road," he said.

Recruiting Services houses the people who do the bulk of recruitment for UNO.

The office sends recruiters to schools to speak with high school juniors and seniors. Recruiting expenses for meals, transportation and sometimes lodging expenses are needed.

Each year, the department coordinates UNO open houses and the Matadors, a group of students who volunteer their time, giving prospective students tours of the campus.

Within the last four years, Recruitment Services has jumped into the online world. The department set up a Web-based

program that enables them to send recruitment e-mails to those interested. The e-mails contain information about application deadlines, scholarship deadlines, open house information and campus tour information.

The department can also be linked from UNO's home page. Students can find information about the university, academic programs, housing and register for a campus tour or an open house on the Web site.

As of right now, online services will continue but Morris said he was not certain as to what recruitment services will be cut to accommodate the budget.

Campus visits will also remain a valuable recruitment tool. The visits usually include an informative session with a professional staff member and a student-guided tour through campus and University Village. They are offered Monday through Friday at 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.



Lincoln Morris, Recruitment Services director, will continue to work until December despite the elimination of his position.

photo by Chris Machian

Student President/Regent Riggs reacts to budget cuts

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Student Body President/Regent Shay Riggs said she was anticipating Sept. 10 more than she was anticipating Sept. 11.

She said she'd been hearing for months about the budget cut proposal that was released that day and that it overshadowed any fears she might have had about the anniversary of the attacks on America.

University officials released their proposed budget reductions for the 2002-03 fiscal year Tuesday afternoon.

The cutbacks, which total \$2.3 million, affect 25 different areas.

Under the proposed plan, four full-time tenured faculty positions will be eliminated when they become vacant. Four full-time non-tenure track faculty positions will be eliminated and seven graduate assistants will be eliminated as well. In addition to those faculty cuts, 25

full-time staff positions will be eliminated. Twenty of those positions were filled and five were vacant.

"It's a lot different when you have positions and numbers on paper," Riggs said. "It's when you put faces to those numbers that it gets hard."

She said she almost doesn't want to know their names because it will only make her that much more upset.

Riggs said she doesn't think the full extent of the effects will be noticeable right away. She foresees more of a gradual change, like not seeing certain professors or faculty or staff members around anymore and feeling a vacancy.

Under the proposed plan, course offerings and availability in a number of academic departments will also be reduced in the coming semesters.

Riggs expressed concern for incoming freshmen, due to fears that the availability of intro-level classes could be reduced.

"I think we'll have a lot of

floaters," she said.

She urges students to register as soon as they are able for spring semester classes because "there's going to be scheduling problems."

When asked if Student Government would attempt to intervene to get funding to programs that have been eliminated or cut back, Riggs said she could not give a definite answer as of now.

"Everything's so up in the air right now and so unstable," she said.

The Student Government will attempt to find out where strong interests lie among the students and go from there.

"Everyone's going to have their own agenda," she said, adding that if Student Government were to take action, it would be for a program a lot of students were upset about losing.

She suggests students with concerns about the budget cuts speak with her or another Student Government member and let those concerns be known.

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UNO television production receives Gold Award

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Return to the Cave of Letters, a television production written by Carol Schrader and produced by Carl Milone, received the Gold Award at the 2002 Aurora Awards Film and Video competition.

The competition was created to give recognition to local, independent, regional and industrial excellence.

The judging is based on an excellence scale with emphasis on effectiveness, creativity and production quality. The judges, award-winning industry professionals, are chosen from across the U.S.

The hour-long production aired on Nov. 4, 2001.

A team of UNO researchers shared on film their exploration into a historic Israeli desert cave, where Jews who managed to escape from the last revolt against the Romans hid during the second century A.D.

The cave held secrets about the Jewish peoples'

disaster and provided a new knowledge of how life was in 1962. Nearly 40 years ago, it was the ground-penetrating radar and an endoscope that were the keys to unlocking the first archeological exploration for the historic cave.

Richard Freund, a history professor and co-director of the UNO Bethsaida Project, said using an endoscope and GPF could be resourceful.

The equipment would help discover little holes, which might contain other valuables that could explain more about history without causing damage to the caves.

The Israeli government, fearing destruction of this national shrine, agreed to attempt the search, which is shown in the documentary.

The Gold Award is just one of many awards this production has received. The production was a finalist in April 2002 at the 23rd Annual Telly Awards. This production and a 60-second promotional spot both received a bronze Telly.

UNO program offers high school students a taste of the real world

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UNO's Nebraska Business Development Center and the Peter Kiewit Institute introduced EntrePrep to Nebraska for the first time this summer.

The program is founded and sponsored by the Kauffman Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership at the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. The EntrePrep Program is just part of the national program.

Its purpose is to work with high school juniors who are anxious to improve their fundamental skills in order to prepare themselves for a future in owning their own businesses.

Tom McCabe, NBDC Omaha Center director, discovered the program at a conference. McCabe thought it would be a good program to bring to Omaha. He teamed up with the Peter Kiewit Institute and started it.

Once EntrePrep was approved, McCabe and his colleagues recruited 22 Omaha-area high school juniors to participate.

The final decisions on which participants were selected were based on personal essays, interviews and recommendations from their teachers or counselors.

Once the participants were selected, the next step was the intense residential summer institute program, which was held from July 14 to 19.

The summer program was held at PKI

and UNO's Scott Residence Hall. During this institute, students were taught about the different stages a new business goes through, as well as discussing the role the entrepreneur plays while venturing into the business world.

Throughout the week, sessions for students included negotiation styles, ethics and business plans.

Students then had the chance to test their abilities. They were given different products and assigned to design their own plan in order to sell the item.

Students were also able to visit different businesses, such as First Data Resources, First Technology Solutions and *the Omaha World-Herald*, allowing them a chance to see how other businesses run their companies.

Even though the summer institute program was completed, students weren't quite done.

The program placed students in internships at companies such as Protec Systems Inc., Dreamfield Partners Inc. and GMA Engineering.

The students were required to write a paper describing what they had learned and how it will help them in the future.

Those who have completed the program successfully earned a \$1,000 scholarship for their upcoming college tuition.

Other universities and colleges that participate in this program include Northwestern University, the University of Michigan, Dartmouth College and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Latino Heritage Month kick-off set for Sept. 16 at UNO

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Culture. Pride. Unity. It's all part of the Latino Heritage Month kick-off set for Sept. 16 from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the Milo Bail Student Center Plaza.

The fiesta, which is hosted by Lambda Theta Nu sorority, Sigma Lambda Beta fraternity and the Association of Latino American Students, will be the first event in which all three Latino-based organizations have collaborated.

"We really wanted to do something to unify all the Latino organizations and show the university there is unity on campus," said Adriana Piña, president of LTN. "Even though we [Latinos] are only 2 percent of the population at UNO, this [fiesta] really brings us together and helps us to go back to our roots."

The fiesta's leading event is a stepping demonstration by ethnic greek organizations.

Stepping, which is synchronized and syncopated moves, originates back to the 1940s when African-American fraternity pledges marched in line in a rite of initiation.

Over the years, ethnic greek organizations added singing, dancing and more swagged moves. It is now a symbolization of pride and unity in one's culture and organization.

"We invited other ethnic greek organizations to join in the step demonstration so it would open it up to other minority groups on campus," said Marcos Rodriguez, treasurer of SLB.

Several events are planned to kick off

Latino Heritage Month. Glenn Lewis, president of ALAS, will provide music during the start of the fiesta for dancing and socializing. Salsa and merengue, two forms of Latin dancing, will be demonstrated as well.

Free nachos and orchata, a popular Mexican beverage, will be served.

In honor of Mexican Independence Day, a segment on the significance of Mexican history will be read and of course, what's a fiesta without a piñata?

"We have been working on it [fiesta] since the summer," Piña said. "There has been a lot of promotion. So, I'm hoping for at least a turn out of 200 people."

Mexican Independence Day, also known as 16 de Septiembre, celebrates Mexico's independence from Spain.

Cinco de Mayo is sometimes mistakenly referred to as Mexican Independence Day, but is celebrated more by Latinos in the United States as opposed to 16 de Septiembre, which is celebrated more in Mexico.

The Latino Heritage Month kick-off and fiesta is "open to everyone and anybody that wants to come," Piña said.

All three Latino-based organizations will provide information for those who are interested.

Both Rodriguez and Piña expect the fiesta to have a great turnout and be a lot of fun.

"We [Latinos] want to show how we celebrate and what our culture is about," Rodriguez said. "The main thing is, we want people to understand."

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Meningitis common among college students

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So you're a college freshman who's just moved into the campus dorms. You're looking forward to a great year full of excitement and fun living in a new environment.

But did you know your new environment could put you in danger of contracting meningitis?

"Meningitis attacks mostly college-age students 18 through 24 who live on-campus, rather than those living off-campus," says Marcia Adler, R.N. at UNO's Student Health Services.

Meningococcal meningitis is a bacterial infection that can cause severe swelling of the brain and spinal cord. The disease is very rare but dangerous — often mistaken for a minor cold. About 10 percent of the population are considered carriers, without ever getting sick.

Between 1991 and 1997, the number of cases of meningococcal meningitis nearly doubled from 308 cases to 600 cases among young adults 18 to 24 years of age.

Meningitis is especially a danger for new college students for number of reasons.

According to a brochure provided by Aventis, "They engage in activities that are part of campus life, such as living in a crowded dormitory, going out to bars, drinking alcohol, smoking and/or being around someone who smokes (passive smoking)."

The literature also mentions that since the infection is easily transmitted through the air by droplets or respiratory secretions, direct contact with infected persons can put one at risk.

The way students socialize can be another reason they are at higher risk for contracting the disease.

"Eating from the same plate or sharing a cigarette can put them at risk," Adler says.

Students living off-campus are also at risk for meningitis.

Aventis says even if students do not live on campus but still share a drink or cigarette, they may still be at risk for meningococcal disease because of the close contact with other students during classes and activities.

"Students from out of state or even foreign students who live together in a house or in an apartment can be exposed to the disease," Adler says.

The disease can be recognized through various signs and symptoms. The most common early symptoms of meningitis are similar to the flu — headaches, fever, fatigue, nausea, vomiting and sensitivity to light.

Adler advises any student with a temperature over 101 degrees to come to Student Health Services immediately.

Some people gradually get sick and some rapidly but one out of five people who develop the disease die. Among survivors, up to one in five suffer from permanent disability such as amputation, brain damage, hearing loss and seizures.

Today over 70 percent of all cases of meningococcal disease in college students are vaccine preventable.

"The cost is \$65 for the college population, which is less expensive than other public agencies," Adler says.

UNO Student Health Services, along with many health care providers and public health agencies, is raising awareness about the disease and the benefit of vaccination.

"The kind of meningitis most common among students occurs less frequently but is more deadly and is preventable," Adler says.

Women's Studies Brown Bag Luncheon Series begins Sept. 16

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The UNO Women's Studies program highlights women's work in research and the arts in the Brown Bag Luncheon Series beginning Sept. 16 from noon to 1 p.m.

"Brown Bags showcase the research and creative activity of women's studies faculty and students," says Karen Falconer Al-Hindi, women's studies director. "Each is a wonderful opportunity to learn something new and to appreciate what others are doing."

The first of the Brown Bag series will feature Professor Pamela Owens and a discussion of "College Women and the Fight for Gender Equity in the 1970s."

All UNO students, faculty and staff are invited to attend the free luncheons in the Arts and Sciences Building, Room 311. Attendees may bring their own lunches and dessert is provided.

Al-Hindi says both research and creative focus are welcome in the luncheon format.

"Research is what many are familiar with," Al-Hindi says. "But many faculty are involved in the arts with creative activity."

Al-Hindi believes the luncheon series is a great way to for UNO students, faculty and

staff to get more exposure to the talents many may not realize are right here on campus.

"We have such talent and wonderful work here," Al-Hindi says. "Unless you do something like this, people may never know about it."

If you have any questions about the Brown Bag Luncheon Series or the UNO Women's Studies Program, please call 554-3834 or check out its Web site at www.unomaha.edu/Uno/wmst/.

Sept. 16: Pamela Owens discusses "College Women and the Fight for Gender Equity in the 1970s."

Oct. 8: Robbin Ogle talks about her book, "Self Defense and Battered Women Who Kill."

Oct. 30: Natalie Bennett will discuss her research, "Primitive Victims: 3rd World Women, Spectacle and US Feminist Practice."

Nov. 7: Mary Ann Lamanna will discuss her research, "The Old and New: Gender Scripts and the Success of the Belton Woman's Commonwealth."

Village showdown ...



Audrey Wright (left) of Team KAK attempts to block Trisha Konechne's layup during the 3-on-3 basketball tournament sponsored by University Village. Konechne and fellow team members, the Sixers, took home the champion's rank, which they also secured in last year's tournament.

photo by Josh Williamson

Campus Recreation offers free weekday drop-in fitness classes

CHRISTINE HOLLISTER

FEATURES EDITOR

Feeling a little stressed? UNO Campus Recreation has the perfect solution, offering a variety of free drop-in fitness classes each weekday.

"It's probably our best semester yet," says Dave Daniels, assistant director for Fitness/Wellness and Instructional Programs. "We're offering the largest variety of classes we've ever offered, and some of the veteran instructors have built up quite a following."

Whether you're looking to soothe your body and mind with yoga, get wet with Aqua Lunch or Water Exercise Training class, condition your muscles with Women on Weights, Super Circuit or Prime Time Pump or revitalize your body with kickboxing, step aerobics or basic training, Campus Recreation offers a little bit of everything.

Daniels sees many benefits for students interested in attending the drop-in classes.

"It's a good way to de-stress a little bit from classes and a good opportunity to meet people on campus," Daniels says. "And with the variety of classes, I think we can offer something for everybody."

Nearly all of the class instructors are UNO students who have been certified in fitness instruction. There is no pre-registration and no limit on frequency of attendance or on class size, so bring your friends.

And the best part — the classes are free.

"As long as you have a student ID, you are welcome," Daniels says. "UNO is one of the few universities that offers free classes like these."

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5:15-6:15 p.m.: Step 'n' Tone, HPER 110
6:30-7:30 p.m.: Super Circuit, HPER 110

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4-5 p.m.: Basic Training, HPER 110
5:15-6:15 p.m.: W.E.T., HPER Pool
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She responded with: "Because there's something strange going on in New York. A plane just hit the World Trade Center and I wanted to know if she was flying today or tomorrow — turn on the TV. You gotta see this."

I hung up the phone and walked into the living room and turned on the *Today* show. The sight was surreal and I was a little confused because it was early enough that there was still speculation it could've have been an accident. Then the second plane hit the towers and I realized it was an attack, not an accident.

Katie Couric and Matt Lauer were doing the telecast and were shocked into silence.

I was shocked and then very angry. I thought of my family in New Jersey who could see the World Trade Center from their hometown. I remembered when I was 18 and ventured to New York and laid down on the cement underneath the World Trade Center to take a picture. I was empathetic because I had been there and seen the height of the towers myself. I knew just how unreal it all was.

I thought of my mom, this time unsure of whether she was flying that morning or the next day. After all, she was scheduled to fly on an American Airlines plane from Paris to New York City, so I couldn't help but second-guess myself for a brief moment.

The first tower came down and I yelled at the TV. I was unable to control my anger and my dog looked at me like he knew something was horribly wrong.

Suddenly my quiz wasn't so important anymore and I didn't want to go to class.

I didn't want to sit and watch the tragedy unfold either. So I packed my bag and walked the 15-minute trek to UNO.

Of course, when I arrived it was awkward. I didn't want to be around my peers. There were those jackasses who said stupid things that aggravated me. I actually remember one guy saying that it was no big deal. What the hell was going through his mind? It was the worst thing I'd ever seen. It still is. To this day, it is a point in history that will never be forgotten. We as Americans will never forget and I know the English, Mexicans, Canadians or anyone for that matter

won't either.

But I have to let it be known that when I started to write this column, I had other ideas. I didn't want to write about Sept. 11 because I knew everyone was going to. I didn't want to write about Sept. 11 because I knew we would all have to sit through media story

upon media story and we would be overloaded.

I do realize it is important to confront the situation and not run from it like I wanted to. And in my own way, outside of this column, I'll reflect and pay my respects privately.

And right now, instead of asking you as the reader where you were when the towers came down, I'll tell you that on the one-year anniversary I was at a hip-hop concert chanting along and drinking alcohol. I was living my life like I'm supposed to — like a free man — free to do whatever I feel.

With that said, instead of living your life according to the TV's media vigils, live it like you want. Do what you want and do it in your own way.

Just be respectful.

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Brandon Clogston

A guide to choosing your favorite things

ELLIOT KOLKOVICH

DAILY ILLINI (U. ILLINOIS)

When choosing an apartment, it must be cheap, to prove to your friends that you can find a bargain. But it must be a nice apartment, so they know you can find the best bargain and not just a bargain.

When choosing a favorite band, you must find one that has not entered the mainstream. If it has, you must be able to show that you have a deeper reading into every one of the band's songs, have their demo tapes and name their original lineup.

When picking a favorite movie, you cannot pick *Citizen Kane* because everyone picks that. You must pick a movie that was critically acclaimed, yet was not that successful at the box office; "Last Temptation of Christ" never disappoints. Whatever your favorite movie is, you must always be ready to talk extensively about a Stanley Kubrick film.

When picking a favorite actress, she must be beautiful but not hot. She must exude sensuality and intelligence at the same time. She must have indie credentials or have spent time honing her craft and starving for her art. Daughters of '70s actresses are always in vogue.

When choosing a favorite actor, he must have been in an edgy drama few people have seen. Knowing who Benicio del Toro was right after *The Usual Suspects* is the epitome. Or he must have written his way to semi-stardom in a non-Ben Affleck and Matt Damon way.

When choosing a guilty pleasure, it must be pleasurable and you must feel guilty while enjoying. It must be at least pleasurable to some, to validate your choice, but not pleasurable to all, thereby denouncing its status as "guilty." Guilty pleasures are best when they come in the form of childhood passions, such as *Saved by the Bell*, Paula Abdul or *Weekend at Bernie's*.

When choosing a favorite beer, you must choose one that is cheap, yet good. Pabst Blue Ribbon will get you by. Or you must choose one that everyone thinks is terrible, that you approve of as a natural affinity — but you have an acquired taste. Along these lines, build an acquired taste for some kind of alcohol you can order on the rocks, such as scotch or bourbon.

When in doubt, go against the mainstream.

Speed Bump

by Dave Coverly



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Nevada attempts cease-fire in the drug war November vote could legalize possession of up to 3 ounces of marijuana

COLUMN BY

BOBBY CAMERLINCK

Legal marijuana.

Just think about it.

No more overzealous police or DEA agents nabbing you from the Hy-Vee aisle, scattering your extra large bag of peanut M&Ms and spilling your frosty strawberry milk.

On Nov. 5, Nevada will vote on an initiative that will remove the threat of arrest for responsible marijuana use. If the measure passes in 2002 and again in 2004, it would provide four new civil liberties:

- Make possession of up to three ounces of marijuana legal. This is the equivalent of about four packs of cigarettes or five tasty Twinkies.
- Require the state government to create a system where adults could obtain marijuana through a legally regulated market, not your stoner cousin Danny.
- Allow seriously ill patients to obtain marijuana at a lower cost than non-medical users. (Nevada already passed an initiative that allows seriously ill patients to use medical marijuana but it didn't provide a way for them to purchase it legally.)
- Impose common-sense restrictions that the voters demand, such as imposing penalties for driving while under the influence of marijuana, smoking in public and providing marijuana to minors.

Makes sense?

Wait, there's more.

On Aug. 6, Andy Anderson, former president of the Nevada Conference of Police and Sheriffs, said officers spend time on marijuana cases that could be better spent investigating violent crimes. NCP&S is an organization that represents over 3,000 street cops.

Sound like a good idea?

Apparently Nevada's state sheriff's office, police chiefs and district attorneys didn't think so. They pressured Anderson to resign.

"Some cops were upset with me," Anderson told *USA Today*. "But there's a silent majority out there that agreed with our position. We weren't advocating the smoking of marijuana. All

I'm saying is, let's not waste time arresting people for it when it's never going to be prosecuted and people don't really care."

Maybe some people do care, especially the uniformed officers who are receiving extra funding to fight the society-menacing reefer addicts.

The United States' comical crusade is quickly burning up resources that could be used to defend taxpayers against legitimate threats. Last year, the Office of National Drug Control Policy spent an estimated \$18.1 billion fighting drugs. That kind of money can buy police stations a lot of new toys such as helicopters, canine units or a little over 9 million PlayStation 2s.

Free money is hard to take away without some kind of opposition.

So how popular is this villainous weed that threatens to destroy the bright young minds of the future?

Surveys show that about one-third of American adults — more than 80 million — have smoked marijuana. Betcha they inhaled. That's a ton of potential voters. So why hasn't this permissive initiative been tried before?

Well, for many reasons. Big businesses, aka tobacco and alcohol companies, would lose a bunch of revenue. Instead of taking a chance on losing their monopoly on the country's bad habits, they pour money into supporting legislation that keeps marijuana illegal. The medical and pharmaceutical industry would lose billions of dollars because of marijuana's near-limitless potential for treating illnesses.

Marijuana has been in longtime use among Indian and South American laborers who have a puff of a ganja pipe to relieve fatigue. Cancer patients use marijuana to ease chemotherapy pain and to stimulate appetite. In a Costa Rican study, it was found that marijuana smokers who also smoke cigarettes are less likely to develop cancer than smokers who didn't use marijuana. Maybe Cheech Marin was on to something.

How bad is marijuana? No one has ever overdosed on it. I'm sure many have tried, but leaving Dr. Dre and Woody Harrelson aside, you're more likely to drown in a pitcher of beer.

So keep your eye on the Nevada's November ballot.

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What has the United States done wrong?

COLUMN BY
SHAWN RYBA

Why would anyone go to such length to fight the United States? Why would they plan, prepare and execute such a complex attack, under the nose of the top intelligence agency in the world. Aren't we the ultimate defenders of democracy and human rights? What about our motives in the war against terrorism? Do we really know what we are doing? Have we learned anything from the past? Why remove Saddam Hussein now instead of then? What does Iraq have to do with terrorism?

Our country does have a history of supporting dictators around the world. It is surprising the United States once lost its seat in the UN Human Rights Commission, as it also refused to sign the UN treaty banning land mines. No wonder we are confused.

To make things more confusing, we do not seem to have a working definition of terrorism. Let me throw one in. Let us define it as terrorizing civilian populations in order to undermine a government or force it to comply with a set of demands. Under this definition, terrorism targets innocent civilians. Bin Laden and the Taliban would squarely fit that definition. Their actions, uncontroversially grotesque and grisly, far exceed that definition.

What about instances when the U.S. government targets civilians with the intention of pressuring their governments? Is that terrorism? We have bombed civilian homes in Afghanistan (one of the world's poorest countries) and dropped a 2,000-pound bomb that mistakenly hit a civilian area, killing thousands. We imposed a food and drug embargo on Iraq with the intention of making conditions so difficult for the population they will rebel against their government. We bombed civilian centers in Kosovo and Serbia with the intent of achieving political outcomes. We are attacking civilians with the aim of attaining political goals that are beyond their control. We have put other countries through severe economic hardships, hurting, even killing their citizens. While this does not seem to fit our proposed definition of terrorism, if it isn't, what is?

Yes, it is easy to criticize the United States for its foreign policy because as a superpower, it is always in the spotlight. It is also easy for a superpower to attack others after simply proclaiming them to be terrorists or simply evil. Instead of focusing on our failure to prevent the Sept. 11 tragedy, we have used it to induce fear

into the U.S. population in order to justify military adventurism and violations of civil liberties. Out of a sense of arrogance and need for vengeance, we are even willing to risk destabilizing the whole world by delegitimizing international law.

This begs the question whether the above definition of terrorism is in our best interest. We depend on and aim to control many resources on this earth, especially oil. We also need to trade, to grow and to trade more.

Economic profit is the foundation of many of our political decisions and motives.

King Abdallah of Jordan pointed out in a CNN interview, "None of this would have happened if America did not have such a biased policy in the Middle East." Instead of studying the reasons that lead to the inexcusable and horrible tragedies on Sept. 11, the anger and hurt of the world's only superpower has led to the killing of more innocent civilians.

Why did Sept. 11 happen? Until we find bin Laden, we will probably never know but we can surmise. It could be the result of deeply seeded anger, suffering, loss and desperation due to U.S. policies in the Middle East over the course of many years. It might also be an attempt to unravel the United States — to pit the West against the Islamic world. It might also simply be an act of some seriously deranged terrorists.

There is no question that the terrorist acts must be condemned on the strongest terms. Condemning them, however, does not mean their causes should be ignored. Ignoring the cause is tantamount to leaving an open door for continued terrorist acts. I believe it is categorically wrong to think that those who committed the acts on Sept. 11 represent the whole Muslim or Arab world. We must be careful to put the blame on those who deserve it. If we overreact, confusing the guilty and the innocent, the situation could spiral out of control.

If anyone hates Americans, it is not for democracy, freedom and liberty. If they do, it is because of biased and unfair foreign policies that result in the killing and suffering of innocent civilians. If we are indeed good people who stand for democracy and freedom, we should ask hard questions when our government appears responsible for death and injustice to innocent people. If you saw American weapons killing your children everyday, would you hate us?

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Letter to the Editor

Dear editor:

When Thomas Paine wrote his pamphlet *Common Sense*, he appealed to the reasoning ability of the average person in colonial America. My students know that in using the Socratic method, I appeal to their reasoning ability to answer historical questions. Having taught for 14 years, the last three of them part-time at UNO, I ask you some *Common Sense* questions about the budget crisis:

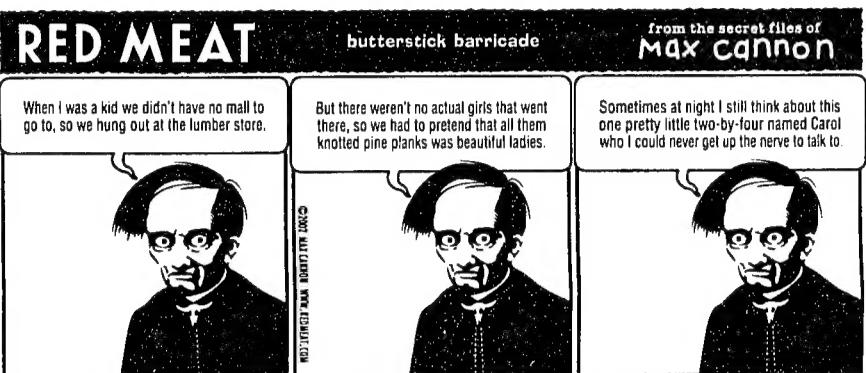
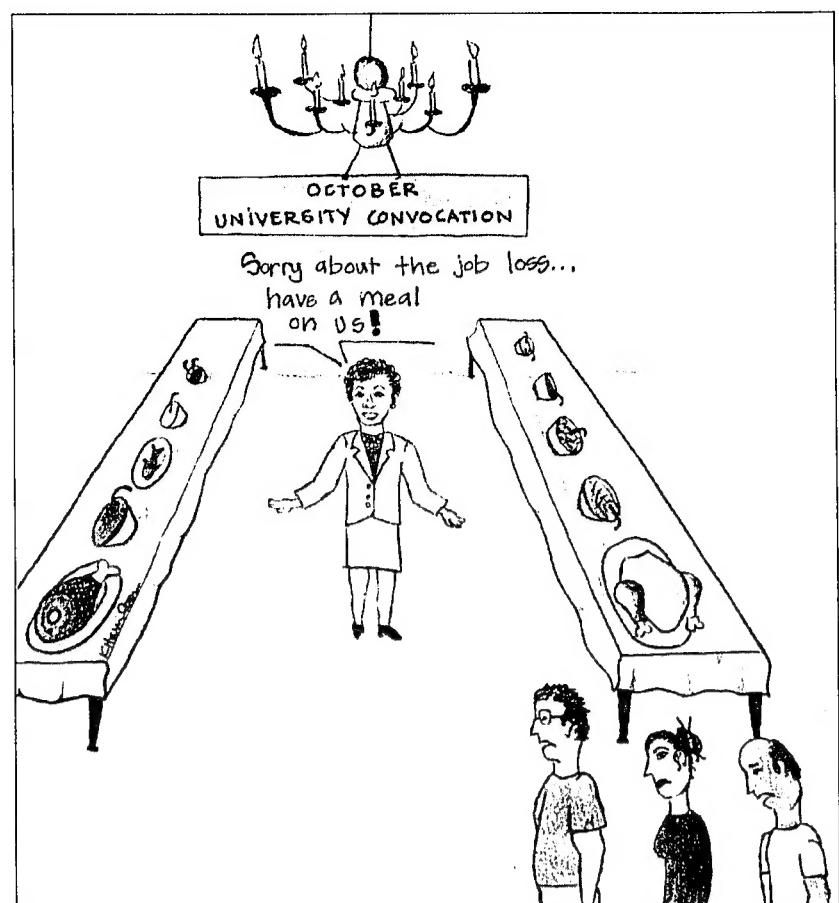
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Mary Lyons-Barrett, PhD



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Heart's Compass teaches about women's struggles during pioneer times

ERIN EILSTON
STAFF WRITER

UNO's Department of Women's Studies will sponsor *The Heart's Compass*, an exciting story of pioneer women who crossed the plains in the 19th century.

The Heart's Compass uses poetry, stories and songs to combine historical and cultural insight into what the press release refers to as a "unique and dramatic presentation." *The Heart's Compass* has been performed in Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota and Wyoming and is recommended for people high school-aged and above.

The play has been to UNO before. Karen Falconer Al-Hindi, director of the UNO women's studies program, says, "I've seen them perform and they are dynamite. I can't wait to see them again."

The two performers in this presentation are Deb Carpenter and Lyn DeNaeyer Messersmith.

Carpenter, who is a teacher in rural northwestern Nebraska, has been sharing her original work throughout the west for several years. She has received an Individual Artist Fellowship Merit Award in Performing Arts from the Nebraska Arts Council. The women who traveled the trails across the plains inspired her original poems, stories and songs. In an effort to keep her fiction historically accurate, she reads journals and letters written by these women and does in-depth studies of the era.

DeNaeyer Messersmith holds a degree in mental health and has worked in several areas of human services. She is also a freelance writer whose column has won several awards. She portrays women's relationships with the land, their ancestors, their neighbors and men.

It has been a priority of the women's studies program to provide educational entertainment since its inception. Each fall and spring semester, the department sponsors a community-oriented event.

"Educational and entertaining programs such as *The Heart's Compass* help us to fulfill our outreach mission," Falconer Al-Hindi says. "They allow us to draw campus and community together to learn about women's lives."

"We offer at least one event each semester. The women's studies faculty and students suggest presenters or events and the Women's Studies Committee makes a selection based on the needs and interests they perceive in our community. We try to offer diverse programs that illustrate the diversity of women's studies and women's lives in a variety of formats."

These events are well attended. Adilah Barnes, an actress famous for portraying the lives of notable African-American women, has performed in the past, portraying Sojourner Truth and Angela Davis. Another play was based on the life of Margaret Sanger.

Falconer Al-Hindi says, "We also bring non-actors to campus. Tamar Mayer spoke on Israeli women politics at UNO in the spring of 2001."

"These programs help us promote women's studies but they also help us share the message and content of the field — women's lives are interesting and worth learning about."

The event will be held at 7 p.m. Sept. 27 in the Dance Lab of the HPER building. It is free and open to the public. A reception will follow. Groups planning to attend are asked to contact the event sponsors at 554-3834.

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Local CD reviews

DANELLE PETERSEN

STAFF WRITER

Musico
Nippon
(Redemption Records)

Omaha's own Musico's most recent release, *Nippon* (translated to mean "Japan" in Japanese), is the band's first album with Redemption Records. It however is not its first album that contains foot-tapping tunes. The album is an eight-song EP that welcomes your right off the bat. The first track, "Hello People," has a catchy chorus and "Hallelujah!" sounds like it belongs on the soundtrack of a classic road trip movie, with a vanload of kids driving over the state line singing along with enthusiasm. The whole CD flows nicely together and it will keep the average (or even not-so-average) listener entertained for a good 24 minutes.

The gist of it: I thoroughly enjoyed this album. It's a must-have for cruising around with a carload of friends with the windows down, and is rated in the top 10 in the Homer's Top 25.

*I give it a big fat A with one heck of a big smile.

Tangelo
Year of Saturdays
(Isochromatic Records)

Year of Saturdays is Lincoln/Omaha trio Tangelo's debut album, released last January after the guys spent a good year and

a half tracking, mixing and mastering it. This whole album is full of surprises, from the toy piano sound in "Adoring Stories" to the chimes and whistles that can be heard sporadically throughout the album.

Listening to this folksy rock group is a journey in itself. You can feel the excitement build toward the end of the album, like you are almost ready to explode. All 14 tracks find their ways into your heart and stick with you all day, just like a good breakfast.

The album itself is as diverse as the instruments played in its songs. In "Frank and the Empty Tank," you might find yourself clapping along, but on the remix track "Whalen on Frank," you might be busting a move.

The gist of it: I think this album could be loved by many, if they would give it a chance. And I would definitely have to say Tangelo has the most creative case I have ever seen a CD come in.

*I would have to go with a big gold star for Tangelo.

X-Tend
What Lies Inside
(Infinite Productions)

This band's new independent release, *What Lies Inside*, was released this June to fans at shows and found in local stores in late July.

The album has sold quite a few copies thanks to some airplay for the first single, "Sip Away." That track, along with the rest of the album, has a very strong sound that can thank Jake Hike for the insanely intense vocals.

X-Tend's sound leans to remind me of a little Creed mixed with a little Tantric and a sprinkle of Metallica. The nine-track album's lyrics deal a lot with pain and the truth of life in "a cold-hearted world," as the softest track, "Believe In Me," clearly states.

The band truly puts its all into this album; you can just feel the raw emotion in not only the voice of lead singer but in strong guitar riffs and steady pounding drums.

The gist of it: I like how this album got me pumped up and ready to go. I would recommend it to any fan of alternative music such as Creed and Nickelback.

*I give it an A. Omaha has a lot of incredible local artists ... go check them out.

Horoscopes

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Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

Your friends don't seem to like your new cockroach outfit. Do what you want but for crying out loud, take it off when you go to the gym.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20)

Life lesson #2930: Ramen noodles are VERY hard to get out of your hair.

Aries (March 21 - April 19)

I am very flattered by the endless stream of love letters you send me but once again I'll have to refuse you. Madame Zora will have no man; she is

married to the future. Don't shed too many tears for me darling.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

Decorate your hair with cheese-puffs. You'll attract all the cheese-lovers.

Gemini (May 21 - June 21)

So you are infatuated with yourself, which I guess is okay because at least the rejection factor is gone. What? You mean you reject yourself? Carry on.

Cancer (June 22 - July 22)

Look forward to tomorrow so you always have something to look forward to.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22)

Crickets are taking over your house. Join them.

Taking Back Sunday takes back nothing about summer tour

DANELLE PETERSEN
STAFF WRITER

The five-piece emcore band Taking Back Sunday is from Amityville, N.Y., a town notoriously known for horror since the 1979 release of *The Amityville Horror*. The band not only found a little horror on the tour this summer, but also went on the adventure of a lifetime.

TBS, currently signed with Victory Records, has been around since November 1999 when the members slowly joined together. Now-frontman/then-bassist Adam Lazzra went around Long Island asking people if they knew anyone who would want to start a band. He finally got lucky and found the perfect elements for his band. One of those elements was Ed Reyes, who was in the influential emo-pop band, Movielife.

TBS guitarist John Nolan found a moment while on tour to fill *The Gateway* in on what he calls "a complete mixture of the most amazing experiences and the most horrible things ever."

Beginning the tour in July in Chester, N.Y., and meeting up with friends Brand New and Rufio later on in the tour that month, the boys in this band knew there was adventure in their futures. They just didn't realize what the future had in mind for them and their friends as they traveled across the United States.

Once the tour got rolling, TBS

played mostly sold-out shows nightly, which led the band from its home state of New York to California. Nolan said the tour schedule was very tedious and left them with probably only about four days off the whole tour. Most of those days involved a good 24-hour drive to the next show. All that time on the road was needed to recover from the almost ironic injuries the band members received from the show the night before.

It turns out TBS and Brand New had a friendly rivalry going on to see who could out-do the other with the most outrageous stage performance. It did get a little out of hand one night when Brand New's singer decided to climb 15 feet above the stage and jump into the crowd. He actually broke one of their female fans' noses.

The pain didn't stop with the fans in the crowds.

Nolan says: "There was one night on the tour when Adam was doing one of his 'wacky mic tricks' when he throws the mic into the air and it just so happened to hit me in the side of the face. My face was gushing blood the rest of the night. Then about 10 minutes later, he was throwing the mic around, he does this trick when the cords go around his neck and he lets the mic swing around and it ended in a painful smack in the front tooth. He broke off half of his front tooth, finished the show and then rushed off to the hospital."

The excitement did not end there. Later on in the tour, one of the members of Brand New got scarlet fever and ended up being pretty sick for a while. If that was not scary enough, the band members thought Reyes had a minor heart attack when he passed out in New Jersey from heat exhaustion, dehydration and some minor nerve problems. Nolan says this whole tour was probably one of the most amazing tour experiences he has ever lived through, but he wouldn't want to relive it again.

When asked about some other memorable tour moments, Nolan recounted a time where he stayed in a house in Los Angeles that was two houses down from Brad Pitt's house and his room had a gold Korn record on the wall.

Now fans can understand why these worn-out kids were ready for a break and prayed for a more laid-back schedule for this fall's Best Revenge Tour. Nolan says by the end of the last tour it felt like the three bands were a team and belong on tour together now. He said it was a "bonding experience for everyone on tour," and that going back out this fall without them seems a little weird.

Although TBS is not coming to Omaha, you can check them out on the in Ames, Iowa, at the Maintenance Shop Sept. 23 with Midtown, Recover and a local opening act.



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Freshman L.A. Weisbeck runs through practice drills Wednesday. The Maverick football team is preparing for its next showdown with Midwestern State tomorrow.

Mav soccer looks to defend new ranking

PAUL FREELEND
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Maverick soccer Head Coach Don Klosterman and his charges will be able to claim a new distinction as they begin their six-game homestand.

After a pair of wins over regionally-ranked opponents in the Truman State Invite, the National Soccer Coaches of America Association put UNO seventh in its latest set of national rankings. The Mavericks were unranked in the previous set of rankings but were among four teams to make their debut in this season's top 25.

Klosterman said his team is taking a more relaxed attitude toward being named in the top 25.

"We've taken a different attitude towards rankings," Klosterman said. "If somebody thinks that we're good enough to be ranked that high then we're going to do all we can to stay that high or improve. We have to try to defend that position and show that we deserve that ranking."

"Being first in the region is more important than being seventh in the nation since the regional rankings are the real gauge of your play. All of our games are regional games, so all we need to do to keep our regional ranking high is keep winning."

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Mavs look to bounce back against Midwestern State

BRIAN BRASHAW
SPORTS EDITOR

A five-game losing streak may or may not be something to panic about, considering the team lost 14 straight from 1993-1994, though it certainly leaves room for improvement.

Facing Midwestern State this Saturday, the Maverick football team looks to get into the win column and out of the five-game skid, which dates back to the last three games in 2001.

To do this, the Mavericks will have to establish their running attack. In their first two games, the Mavericks compiled more yards in the air than on the ground, something uncharacteristic for a running team.

Although the passing game has shown signs of success, getting the Mavericks into Northwest Missouri State territory twice in the second half of last Saturday's game, the running attack couldn't break the plane. UNO ended up with just three points on the two drives at a time when 10 points would have put the Mavericks in the thick of the game.

Trey Guidry played exceptionally better, completing 11 of 18 passes for 177 yards. Ryan Krause again had a good game with 81 yards on five receptions. But again the rushing game struggled to gain just 118 net yards.

On the defensive side, UNO twice stood the Bearcats up on the goal line, and was almost single-handedly responsible

for keeping the Mavericks in the game during the first half. Taiwo Onatolu led the team with 11 tackles, six solo, three for a loss.

The defense will need to be strong as Saturday's opponent, Midwestern State, has averaged 29 points per game. The Indians lost a nail-biter to Division I-AA No. 12 Sam Houston State last Saturday and will pose another non-conference challenge.

Midwestern State featured a balanced attack on offense, gaining over 200 yards rushing in each of their first two games and throwing for a total of 310 yards and three touchdowns.

However, the defense may be suspect. The Indians have given up 26 points in each of their first two games.

The Mavericks look to start two new streaks that ended this year and keep another. With the return home the Mavericks could start a new home winning streak, the last of which was snapped by UNK. The five-game losing streak would also come to an end.

A bigger accomplishment awaits the Mavericks, however. UNO must get back to their winning ways before beginning conference play next weekend. UNO has won the conference every other year since 1996 and this year is on schedule. But are the Mavericks?

Redemption and turnaround may come Saturday at 1 p.m. at Caniglia Field.

Live wire: ESPN vs. FOX Sports

COLIN BY

BRIAN BRASHAW

Welcome to the Live Wire H2H. This model of Live Wire was set to debut in 2003, but we are so excited about its possibilities, it had to come out early. The H2H stands for Head-2-Head, where I will pit two rivals against each other and break them down to drum up a winner. In this edition, we look at ESPN vs. Fox Sports.

Enjoy the ride.

In the category of Daily Recap Show: Nothing beats SportsCenter. Nothing. I would rather watch SportsCenter than "The Making of the 2002 Dallas Cowboys Cheerleader Calendar" any day.

The Midwest Sports Report just doesn't cut it. The National Sports Report will do when SC isn't on, but ESPN has that show playing about 10 hours of the day. Category goes to ESPN.

Variety/Talk Show: ESPN brings to the table the wildly popular Pardon the Interruption. Hosts Mike

Wilbon and Tony Kornheiser debate about a myriad of sports topics for a half-hour and always leave you laughing. Wilbon and Kornheiser have the chemistry and bitterness of a couple that has been married for 50 years. ESPN loses points for now defunct Mohr Sports.

Fox spouts "The Best Damn Sports Show, Period" which features washed up athletes and "comedians" in a round table-type discussion format that lasts anywhere from an hour to an eternity. The show flows well at times, mostly depending on the guests. There is one aspect of the show that makes it worth watching, but we'll discuss that later. Category goes to ESPN.

Coverage: The total sports network has to prove its reputation by throwing in Sumo wrestling, outdoor games and World's Strongest Man competitions. Snore. Its coverage of national sports, especially hockey, however is unparalleled.

On the other hand, Fox

specializes in regional coverage. For example, Fox Sports Rocky Mountain would specialize in Denver-area events such as Denver University hockey, Rockies baseball, Cherry Creek HS football. Regionalization is key for local advertising as well. Plus, Fox caters to Gen-X with almost daily shows on BMX, skateboarding or in-line. Category is shared.

Sports Castresses: As in "network sports chicks," ESPN offers the all-knowing Linda Cohn and all-around talent Robin Roberts.

Fox's Lisa Guerrero, however, is hotter than a boiling habanero. And she actually proves she's not one-dimensional, showing that she is the only legitimate sports brain on "The Best Damn Sports Show Period." Category goes to Fox, call me shallow.

TV Quality: ESPN's picture is clear, bright and vivid. The cameramen do a wonderful job of

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Maverick notes

• Unranked last week, the Maverick women's soccer team will return home to host the Maverick Classic this weekend now ranked No. 7 in D-II soccer and No. 1 in the North Central Region. UNO swept through the Truman State Invitational by beating Truman 3-0 and Central Missouri 1-0.

• Three goalkeepers have played for the soccer team this year, allowing just one goal in three games.

• After a third place finish at the UNO/CU

Invitational, the UNO women's track team has earned a No.

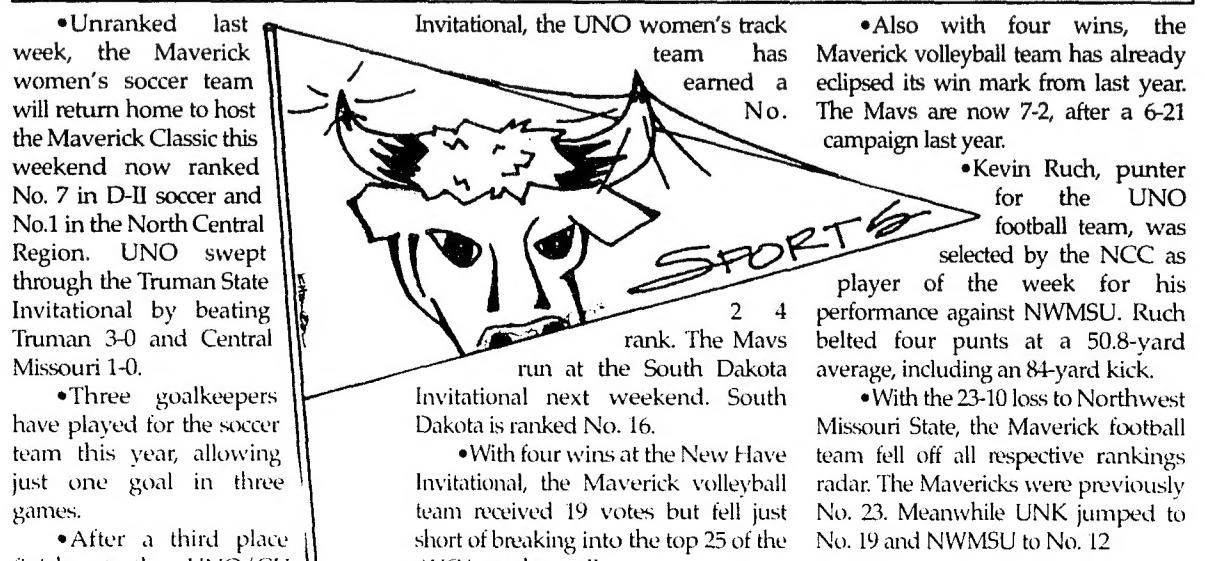
2 4 rank. The Mavs run at the South Dakota Invitational next weekend. South Dakota is ranked No. 16.

• With four wins at the New Haven Invitational, the Maverick volleyball team received 19 votes but fell just short of breaking into the top 25 of the AVCA coaches poll.

• Also with four wins, the Maverick volleyball team has already eclipsed its win mark from last year. The Mavs are now 7-2, after a 6-21 campaign last year.

• Kevin Ruch, punter for the UNO football team, was selected by the NCC as player of the week for his performance against NWMSU. Ruch belted four punts at a 50.8-yard average, including an 84-yard kick.

• With the 23-10 loss to Northwest Missouri State, the Maverick football team fell off all respective rankings radar. The Mavericks were previously No. 23. Meanwhile UNK jumped to No. 19 and NWMSU to No. 12.



SWINGIN' TO SUPPORT SCHOOL ...



The Chancellor's Golf Outing was held Monday, Sept. 9 at Tiburon Golf Course in Omaha. Many alumni attended the event. Proceeds from the rounds of golf played help support UNO programs.

photos by Brian Brashaw



Golfers take first at Midland Lutheran in preparation for Husker Invite next week

CHIP OSEN

STAFF WRITER

The UNO women's golf team held the top four individual spots Tuesday as the Maverick "A" team won the Lutheran Midland Invitational in Fremont.

Junior Stephanie Oster and sophomore Tanis Hastmann each shot 81, finishing one-two respectively, to lead the "A" team, which amassed a total score of 331.

Freshman Amanda Stock shot an 84, giving her third place and sophomore Amanda Houtz had an 85, putting her fourth. Junior Katie Etter rounded out the "A" team with a round of 88. The UNO "B" team placed third overall with a score of 367.

Coach Melissa Brooks said Oster's win, which came after a scorecard playoff with Hastmann, was good

motivation heading into the Division I Husker Invitational next Monday and Tuesday.

Overall, Brooks was especially pleased with the win since her girls came into the tourney sight unseen. In addition, she said Fremont Golf Club is a tough course and with the wind playing a factor, her two squads performed well.

"This gives us momentum coming into the Husker Invite," Brooks said. "We need a good week of practice and fine-tuning to make the trek down I-80."

Team results: 1, UNO A, 331. 2, Briar Cliff, 365. 3, UNO B, 367. 4, Morningside, 387.

Other UNO scores: (B team) Ashley Sipe, sophomore, 90. Sandy Strate, junior, 90. Lindsey Herrera, sophomore, 93. Stacey Bolster, junior, 94. Molly Yeager, junior, 95.

accurate (a good majority of the time), fast and updated. Fox's Web site needs to look up the KISS rule — keep it simple, stupid. The site is fancier than it needs to be, too many frills. Gray backgrounds don't work but the hottest Houston cheerleader contest gets a lot of hits. Even that is a rip-off of ESPN's sexiest athlete. Category goes to ESPN.

There you have it, ESPN wins 4-1-1. Next H2H we will pit *ESPN Magazine* against *Sports Illustrated*.

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capturing the games and an even better job of filming each venue's quips and subtleties. The scoreboard doesn't usually get in the way.

It may be my television, but Fox always looks blurry, like the atmospheric static trickles into the feed somehow. The network does a great job with graphics and advertisements but the scoreboard tends to distract — especially the baseball box. Category goes to ESPN.

Web site: Again, ESPN is unsurpassed. They are

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Northern Colorado (2-0-1) is the other North Central Conference team in the rankings, rated at No. 13. Truman State, who fell to UNO 3-0 at the invitational, dropped 17 spots from sixth to 23rd.

Klosterman said the varying experiences of his roster would not pose a problem as the Mavs' season progresses.

"I've seen two things thus far," Klosterman said. "We have so many new players that a lot of them have no idea about what's happened in the past. Our older players, however, know what it's like to be the hunter as opposed to the hunted, so it will be interesting to see how they respond."

"Over the past couple of years, whenever this team is challenged they respond well. With the right attitude, I think we will be fine."

Wayne State comes to Omaha with a record of 0-4, having lost their last two

matches 2-1 in sudden death overtime on the road. Missouri Southern (3-0) will face off against UNO Sunday and will put their No. 9 Central Region ranking on the line. The Mavericks own a 2-0 series record over both teams.

Klosterman said Missouri Southern would be a difficult match, but also said his team cannot afford to look past Wayne State.

"I expect Wayne State to come out fighting," Klosterman said. "We went down to their place last year and beat them pretty bad, so they'll probably feel that they need to come to Omaha and try to return the favor. They have a new coach who looks like he's turning things around and you don't always want to play a team with their backs to the wall. They'll be looking at this game as a chance to make a statement and take a step up in the region."

Kickoff for both matches is scheduled for 2 p.m. at the UNO Soccer Field at Ak-Sar-Ben.

Skimming the sports page

COMMENTARY BY
J. PARKER ADAIR

Baseball: The upcoming week in baseball will be an interesting one. The Twins and Yankees each have a shot at clinching their respective divisions. The West is where it's at as the races for the division titles and wild cards in both leagues will be won there.

The most valuable player and Cy Young awards are up for grabs. Could Barry Bonds be better than he was last year?

Sammy Sosa wants to play for a winner, but he doesn't want to leave Chicago. Some advice to Cubs General Manager Jim Hendry ... I would clean house or else get the Braves, with their 11 straight NL East pennants, to move into Wrigley.

Speaking of long ball, Alex Rodriguez has hit 52 home runs for the second straight year. Now if his team could ever get out of the cellar, someone might care.

The Florida Marlins AAA affiliate, Calgary Cannons, are moving to Albuquerque, N.M. Their mascot will be taken from an episode of the Simpsons in which Homer's beloved Isotopes were set to move to Albuquerque. Go Isotopes! Wait, they're a Marlins farm team? Better toss me a Duff.

Football: What happened to the St. Louis Rams? The offense scored only 16 points as the Rams opened with a 23-16 loss to Denver. Fantasy team owners everywhere cried.

Dwayne Rudd, linebacker for the Cleveland Browns, can tell you how important it is to keep your head (and helmet) in the National Football League. Rudd's helmet removal late in a game against Kansas City on Sunday gave the Chiefs an extra 15 yards and a shot at a game-winning field goal, which Morten Anderson hit to give KC a 40-39 win.

How can you be Super Bowl champions, play in your home stadium against a team you beat for the conference title and still be the underdogs? Ask the New England Patriots. They quickly shut the collective mouth of the Steelers in a 30-14 thumping, proving once again last year may not have been a fluke, until next week.

After a 41-16 smattering of Florida, it is safe to say Miami Hurricane football is for real!

Tennis: In case you missed it, Andre Agassi and Pete Sampras played past midnight eastern in a thrilling U.S. Open Final, which Sampras won in four sets. It was the highest-rated U.S. Open Final since 1990's Sampras-Agassi final.

On the Women's side, Serena Williams defeated sister Venus for the title. Newsflash: Any woman not named Williams need not apply next year.

Basketball: Michael Jordan may or may not come back to play ball. He was fitted with a special shoe insert to ease knee pain, which will once again swell talk of Air Apparent's future on the court.

Boxing: The Oscar De La Hoya-Fernando Vargas fight will be one to watch as the bad blood is real (as far as boxing goes). The fight will be a great one as the Golden Boy and the Aztec Warrior have a combined record of 56-3 with 47 KO's.

This week's sports sign of the ridiculous: The Little League World Series got better TV ratings than the WNBA Finals.

Locks of the Week: The Tigers and Royals will play four games and nobody will watch. The Reds will officially be eliminated from the playoffs. (Even Pete Rose will take this bet.) In the NFL, Buccaneers over Ravens.

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Cost is \$12 for children of Campus Recreation Activity card holders and UNO students and \$15.00 for general public. Registration at HPER 100 and limited to the first twenty to sign up. For questions, please contact Tracy Scott at 554-4941 or 554-2539.

Campus Recreation and the Wellness Stampede are pleased to announce three (3) Mind/Body Classes for the Fall Semester:

Basic Course in Kundalini Yoga: Developing the Mind-Body Energy Connection
Day: 6 Fridays (Sept. 20, Oct 4, 11, 18, Nov 22, Dec 6)

Time: 9:15-10:45am
Location: Dance Lab (HPER 231) at UNO
Cost: \$60 for students, \$65 for faculty/staff/general public
Instructor: Manoj Sharma, Associate Professor of Health Education at UNO

Beginning Pilates*
*individuals wishing to take this course, must attend ONE of the preliminary classes on Sept. 5th, 12th or 19th

Day: Thursdays (Sept. 26th-Dec. 12th)

Time: 12:00-12:45pm
Location: HPER 230
Cost: Free to all current students and HPER Activity Cardholders
Instructor: Anne Herman

Intermediate Pilates (for those who have taken the Beginning Pilates Course in Spring 2002 or who have previous Pilates experience)
Day: Tuesdays (Sept. 3rd-Dec. 10th)

Time: 12-1pm
Location: HPER 230
Cost: Free to all current students and HPER Activity Cardholders
Instructor: Anne Herman

Latin and Swing Dance Classes
Session 1 begins on Sunday September 8th and runs through September 29th (four consecutive Sundays) All classes will be held in HPER 230. Latin Plus (Salsa, Merengue, ChaCha, 2-step and Ballroom) meets from 12:30-1:30pm and Swing Dance meets from 2-3pm.

Cost (for Students with a Current ID and Campus Recreation Activity Cardholders) is \$15 for the first person, \$13 for a friend. All non-Activity Cardholders: \$18 for first person, \$15 for friend.

Session 2 begins Oct 27th and runs through November 17th (four consecutive Sundays). If you signed up for one of the Session 1 classes (Latin or Swing), it's only \$5 to continue on in the class of your choice!

Instructor: Marty Hebert
Call Dave Daniels in Campus Rec. (554-2008) with questions or stop by in person at HPER 100 to register

Campus Recreation and The Wellness Stampede announce a SELF-DEFENSE TRAINING COURSE
The class will meet twice: Monday Sept. 23rd from 12-1pm & Wednesday Sept. 25th from 12-1pm in HPER 110. To get the maximum benefit, individuals should plan to attend both sessions.

Cost: FREE
Instructor: Mike Denney, UNO Wrestling Head

Coach and HPER Martial Arts Instructor
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Tuesday

4-5 pm - BASIC TRAINING
HPER 110 with Janine

5:15-6:15 pm - W.E.T.
HPER Pool with Merrilee

5:30-7 pm - 1/2 'n' 1/2
HPER 110 with Jennifer

Wednesday

6:45 to 7:30am - CARDIO KICKBOX
HPER 110 with Vicki

12-1 pm - KICKBOX MIX
HPER 110 with Chris

5:15-6:15 pm - WOMEN ON WEIGHTS
HPER 105 with Alison

5:15-6:15 pm - STEP 'N' TONE
HPER 110 with Lily

6:30-7:30 pm - SUPER CIRCUIT
HPER 110 with Audra

Thursday

4-5 pm - BASIC TRAINING
HPER 110 with Janine

5:15-6:15 pm - W.E.T.
HPER Pool with Merrilee

5:15-6:15 pm - KICKBOX MIX
HPER 110 with Larry

6:15-7:15 pm - PRIME TIME PUMP
HPER 110 with Larry

12-1 pm - CIRCUIT INTERVAL
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